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Now that the Fall Trade has commenced, we have to remind the business men of this section that our facilities for turning out all kinds of JOB PRINTING are unrivalled. We have the best of Presses and Type, employ none but good workmen, and our charges are LOWER than any other office in Guelph. Orders from the country attended to, and work forwarded to all parts by the earliest mode of conveyance.

Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1.

Our Wild Lands.

On this important subject we find the following in the *Stratford Beacon*:—There was a singular unanimity in one thing at the elections in Ontario, and that was to invite settlement by the adoption of a liberal land policy. The public domain as a wilderness is a burden and an expense to the country; it is only when it becomes improved and is made productive that we reap any benefit from it. As the provinces have been hitherto circumstanced, we have not had that freedom of action the people of this section of country would have liked in the disposal of the Crown lands. The policy adopted has been that of the miser who hoards his gold in a stocking, instead of making it fructify by placing it out at interest. We have built a wall round our broad acres which have rendered them inaccessible to the laboring populations of Europe, whilst our competing neighbors have not only thrown theirs open to all comers, but have provided many, unable of themselves to reach them, with the means of doing so. They have thus robbed us of the best of all riches to a country requiring development, and the lands continue waste which under a system of free grants to actual settlers might have been turned to very profitable account.

We see by the reports from Toronto that the Commissioner of Crown Lands—the minister without a seat—is laboring zealously in his bureau, but that a policy has to be determined on by the Cabinet on the subject of the public lands before application forwarded to the Department can be entertained. Mr. Sandfield Macdonald will act wisely if he permits the country to dictate to him, whose servant he is, what that policy shall be. The public feeling is unmistakably in the direction of making it as broad and comprehensive as possible. Every now and then storekeepers sell or profess to sell off their hitherto unsaleable stock below cost. The Province of Ontario has been a vendor of lands, of which purchasers have had their pick, and the remainder, like the merchants' remnants, must go at a sacrifice. They profit us nothing as they are—they will be the means of great gain if we can only get people to take them and live on them. The Ontario Government are, we believe, sufficiently informed of the public sentiment in this matter to adopt an entirely new system of Crown Lands management. But if they have any doubt on the subject, we hope they will not agree to any hasty policy which may prove detrimental to the welfare of the Province, but wait and take their cue from the people's representatives.

"Classify ze Members."

We take the following from the *Huron Signal*:—"In the palmy days of tory rule, when alarmed at the utterance of anything like reason and common-sense the impatient Monsieur Cartier would exclaim, 'Dat vill do, call in ze members!' Now, however, the tune has changed to 'classify ze members,' and a very comic air it is as rendered by the tory organ grinders. The beauty of the thing is, that it may be played to suit the idiosyncrasies of the men at the various cranks, whatever they may be, and the result is an 'uncertain sound,' no two chiming in alike. One enthusiastic editor claims four to one in the Confederate Parliament, another says three to one, and still another, remembering that 'the quality of Mercy is not strained,' allows that the Ministerialists will have, at least two to one. In the Assembly of Ontario these individuals do not find so much consolation. They merely claim that the Combination Ministry will have a good working majority, and to obtain this majority every member is dragged in who has at any time said that he would be willing to give the government a fair trial. But even here, it is most amusing to read the classification ventured upon by some of the gushing scribes. They claim nearly every member elect, generously throwing in a handful of 'factionists' by way of spice on the opposite side. This disingenuous classification has a purpose in view, they perceive, is not prepared to 'come to time,' and the vast preponderance of conservatives demands that a tory minister should be placed in the seat. That is the pretty little game attempted to be played, but if the assistance is to be placed in the hands of Hon. J. S. McDonald—who is known to be a honorable independent—no such trick can be played with his consent. Mr. McDonald knows very well that many have been elected to give opportunity of placing his name before the country, and he has stated that he was elected into wrong-doing by those who opposed all his po-

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN GALT.

A very destructive fire broke out in Galt this (Tuesday) morning, about one o'clock. The buildings on the west side of Main street were consumed from about the post office up as far as the Reformer Office, some of them being the most valuable in the town. The fire, which was one of the most destructive that has ever occurred in that town, is supposed to have originated in a barber's shop.

Another New Breech-Loader.

The military intelligence column of the *Times*, of the 11th inst., contains the following interesting paragraph:—"The new Carter and Edwards breech-loading rifle, which was a few days ago tested in the Woolwich Marsh, by Lieut. Lockey, in competition with the government Snider rifle, was again fired yesterday by Sergeant Bott, R. M., in order to note, for the information of the authorities, its correct rate of rapidity of fire. This was also exceedingly satisfactory, the result being 100 rounds of blank cartridge in five minutes. When each charge was withdrawn, it was remarked that the rifle immediately stood at full cock, in readiness for successive fire, without the necessity of further manipulation. Sergeant Bott afterwards made it appear that, by simply disconnecting the bolt, which has a needle through the centre, and to which the lock is attached, the weapon, should it by mishap fall into the enemy's hands during an engagement, could be rendered totally useless. There is no complication of machinery, the only springs being the rear and main springs. The rifle is spoken of as being admirably adapted for the service, and is suited for the new Snider ammunition."

Shooting Extraordinary.

The *Advertiser* has earned a Provincial fame for tall talking, he now comes forward to claim admiration for long shooting. On Monday last, in an article on the relative merits of English and American artillery he says: "The writer has repeatedly knocked down a chimney at a distance of two miles, and even at 3 miles it was a common feat to blow up a shanty with percussion shell." We always knew that man was a thunderer, but did not imagine that he had such a dialike to chimneys, as to hurl so unrelentingly his destructive bolts at them. We were always aware that he had a propensity to "blow out" on his neighbors, but believed firmly until now, that he was perfectly harmless in the matter of "blowing up" shanties. Would he be kind enough to tell us the dimensions of the shanties, of what material they were constructed, by what living creatures inhabited, and any other particulars he may consider interesting. Verily Jove has come down to us in the likeness of an American artilleryman. Henceforth let the genius of the *Advertiser* have his proper name—*Jupiter Tonans*.

Pardon refused to Dr. Blackburn.

This individual of yellow fever notoriety, who for about three years past, has been making a sojourn in Toronto, started the week before last for New Orleans, anticipating immunity in virtue of the recent amnesty proclamation of the President. Previous to his departure he made a formal application for pardon which has been refused, and the following letter received by the American Consul at Toronto will show that the doctor would perhaps have been as safe where he was:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25, 1867.

D. Thurston, Esq., U. S. Consul, Toronto, Ontario.

SIR,—Your despatch of the 17th September, No. 223, has been received with an accompanying affidavit containing an oath of allegiance subscribed by S. P. Blackburn, and verified by yourself. I regret that paper to your care with permission to restore it to the affiant. I assume that the paper was made and delivered to you with a view to its being filed in this Department under provision of the President's proclamation of pardon, issued on the 7th September inst. The affiant is understood to be called Dr. Blackburn. Nothing is known by this Department concerning him as having directly or indirectly participated in the late rebellion; all that is known is that he lies under the charge of felony; in this that he conceived and put into execution within a foreign jurisdiction a plot to disseminate contagion and pestilence in this and other cities of the United States, by clandestinely transmitting for an unsuspicious market, masses of infected clothing taken from the corpses of persons who had died of the yellow fever in the tropics. It is not easy to understand how an offence of that character, which is a detestable crime against mankind, can be supposed even by the felon himself to be entitled to be regarded as an act of insurrection, rebellion or civil war. The President's proclamation offers no immunity in this case.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed), WM. H. SEWARD.

REFORM PIC-NIC.—The *Hamilton Times* says it is the intention of the County of Wentworth and the city of Hamilton to hold a pic-nic in the neighbourhood of Ancaster, on the ground now occupied by the Methodist camp meeting. All the Reform members elect will be invited to attend as well as leading Reformers throughout the Province of Ontario. Arrangements are being effected to make it a grand affair, every way worthy the occasion. The day on which it is to be held is not yet fixed, but it will be announced in due time.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—The September number of Blackwood has been received. There is a very racy article on "Novels," a capital article on the "Literature of the Scottish Independence Question," a continuation of the well-told story "Brownlow's," and another of those delightful, gossiping papers by Cornelia O'Dowd. The other contents are:—*La Physique Moderne; Religion; the Reform Question settled; Quil Mourat; and A Royal Idyll; or a Review of the Queen's Book.* Blackwood is for sale at Shewan's and Day's.

Accident at the Rolling Mills.

We mentioned yesterday, that a most extraordinary accident had occurred at the Rolling Mills in Hamilton. A number of visitors had gone down to see the new palace cars, and the new locomotive built by the G. W. R. Company. It was while they were inspecting these interesting objects that the accident occurred, which terminated unhappily for some of them, though none was mortally injured. The workmen all escaped unhurt. The *Hamilton Times* has the following particulars:—"While the visitors were present, the immense iron fly-wheel of the establishment, twenty-four feet in diameter, and weighing about thirty-five tons, running at its usual great velocity, suddenly burst, throwing off heavy masses of iron, about with the force of a cannon shot. One fragment was thrown through the top of the building, carrying with it rafters, beams, etc., and making a large opening in the roof. A second piece, weighing about two tons, struck the east end of the building, passed through between the chimneys and descended on the commons between Hess and Queen streets, about 150 yards distant, burying itself in the earth. A third fragment of the wheel passed through the west end of the engine room, and fell on a pile of railroad iron three bars deep, bending them in a most astonishing manner. Two men were piling in brick in a shed, in front of the rolling mills. A piece of the fly-wheel, half a ton weight at least, came crashing through the side of the shed and fell about two steps distance from them. Most remarkable, not one of the numerous force of workmen employed in the mills received the slightest injury, the sufferers being the visitors before mentioned. Mr. Richard G. Dampier, Register of the Surrogate Court, was struck on the back of the head by a splinter 14 inches in length, inflicting a severe scalp wound. He was also struck in various parts of the body by the flying debris. His wounds and bruises, though painful, are not of a serious nature. Wm. Reid, carpenter, residing on Hannah street, was badly cut about the mouth and head. Albert Boyd, boarding at Ainsley's Hotel, King street, was struck on the forehead, it is supposed, by a piece of falling timber, and severely bruised; John Skerrit, who was in Boyd's company, was slightly wounded in the right arm and leg.

Extensive Robbery.

The *Boston Herald* tells the following: "The train which arrived at New York on Monday morning from Montreal was found to have the express car belonging to the Merchants' Union Express Company locked up, and was unaccompanied by the messenger, C. C. Gillett. After waiting awhile the door of the car was forced open with a crowbar, and the car found to be tenantless. Upon examination the express safe was found to be empty; its contents, valued in money and bills at seventy thousand dollars, having been abstracted. The key was in the safe and a note was attached to it addressed to the company, advising them to keep cool and not be anxious, as he (Gillett) would turn up around the office on Monday morning. Up to noon to-day, Gillett has not turned up in any quarter near the Express office, and the presumption is that he has followed the example of Livingstone and gone a farming. Detectives are on his track. He left the train somewhere between Albany and this city, and some think he has taken a trip eastward and gone to Canada.

CURIOUS PROPERTY CASE.—It is now about 40 years since Mr. Blair, a wealthy gentleman residing in Trenton, died, having first made a will bequeathing his property, amounting to something like £25,000, in a particular manner. Mr. Blair had an only daughter, to whom, after the demise of his widow, the property was left life-estate—the *jus mariti* of the daughter's husband being carefully excluded, so as to protect the interests of the daughter's children, who, on the death of their mother, came next in succession. It appears that the daughter emigrated along with her husband to Canada, and brought up a pretty numerous family, four or five of whom still survive, grandchildren of the late Mr. Blair of Trenton. Both father and mother have been dead some years; but the children, though young at the time of their emigrating to Canada, had learned that they had some claim to property in Scotland. To obtain a restitution of such rights as they deem themselves possessed of, one of the family has come over from Canada, and is at present busily engaged in making an investigation on the spot into the circumstances connected with the transfer of the property into other hands than those contemplated by the grandfather's will.—*Scotch Paper*.

A WAR OF TRADES.—In 1860 Mr. Gladstone prevailed on parliament to permit grocers to sell wine in bottles. The licensed victuallers resented this piece of legislation as an unjust interference with their profits. After grumbling for six years they have recently proceeded to retaliate. "The Licensed Victuallers' Tea Association" advertises that, "strong by its connection with gentlemen of long residence in China and large experience as tea-tasters, it can undertake to dispense with intermediate profits, and to supply tea to its customers at lower prices than the purchasing retailers pay." Londoners are felicitating themselves on the advent of an era of cheap wines and teas.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—The winter session 1867-8, of the college (medical department) opens at the college room, Yorkville, to-morrow. The great success of this school in past years promises to be maintained, if not surpassed, in the approaching session. No other medical school in the country, so far as we are aware, can count such a number of students. The faculty consists of experienced physicians and surgeons—what is of equal importance—good teachers; for a man may be a good doctor and still not possess the faculty of imparting intelligibly to others the knowledge which he himself possesses. The Hon. Dr. Rolph retains the honorable presidency of the faculty, which numbers among its professors Drs. Berryman, Geikie, Sangster, Neume, King, Reid, Fulton, Barrick and May.

A VETERAN VOTER.—Walter Galbraith, who was 90 years of age when he came to Canada in 1803, (to use his own words), went five miles to Ridgeway to vote for the Reform Candidates. The old man boasts of having been a reformer in principle, if not in name, all his life, and still used his franchise with as much sense of pride and responsibility as any fledgling "free and independent" in the Count of Bothwell.—*Cathlam Banner*.

On the 28th ult., one or two factories in Glasgow commenced running two-thirds time, while two or three mills in the neighbourhood have entirely stopped.

The *Kingston News* of Friday last says it is understood that Stephen Richards has resigned the Commission of Crown Lands, and that his portfolio should be given to a Conservative.

BIRMS.

CUTBERT—At Guelph, on the 26th ult., the wife of Mr. R. Cutbert, of a daughter.

LETTY—At Fergus, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Wm. Letty, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

WATT—GRAIN—By the Rev. C. E. Thomson, on the 26th of September, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Capt. James Foster, St. John's, Mr. Hugh Watt, eldest of the *North Essex*, to Mary, youngest daughter of the late Thomas John Grain, Esq., of Pilkington.

McCULLOUGH—ALLEN—On the 24th ult. at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Joseph Dorough, Garsfraxa, by the Rev. Geo. Smellie, Mr. Alex. McCullough, to Miss Jane Allen, all of Garsfraxa.

DEATHS.

WADDELL—At Elora, on the 26th ult., James, only son of Mr. John Waddell, merchant, aged 1 year, 7 months and 22 days.

BATE—At Quinby, Ill., on the 4th ult., Thomas Bate, eldest son of Major Bate, of Pilkington, aged 24 years.

New Advertisements.

COOK WANTED.
WANTED immediately a first-rate Cook—Wages \$8 a month. For information apply at this office, 1st October, 1867. dwt

ESTRAY BULL.
LEFT at the Great Western Railway Station, Guelph, a red and white two year old Durham Bull. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. Guelph, 1st October, 1867. dwt

LABOURERS WANTED.
WANTED immediately a few laborers. Apply to A. FERGUSON, Miller, Guelph, 30th Sept., 1867. ds

COW STRAYED.
STRAYED from Lindsay's Stables, Guelph, on Wednesday last, a Friesian cow with white spots, about 5 years old; had a piece on left side without any hair, in fair condition. Any person giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded. JAMES LINDSAY, Guelph, Sept. 31, 1867. (d wln) Hotelkeeper.

Toll-gates to Let.

Elora and Saugeen Road.

THE two Toll-gates below Elora, and the Alma Gate, will be let at Biggar's Hotel, Elora, on SATURDAY, 12th of OCTOBER at 9 o'clock a. m.; and on the same day at 2.30 p. m., the remainder of the gates will be let at Rothsay.

The parties tendering must be prepared with two responsible securities.

G. GRAIN, Road Superintendent, Fergus, 28th Sept., 1867.

New Songs.

"I am Dreaming."
"The Colonel from Constantinople."
"Mary Allen."
"Pat Malloy."
"Somebody's Darling Slumbers Here."
"Lonely Oh, So Lonely."
"When shall I see my Darling Again?"
"Sweet Face at the Window."
"Comedian you will, I've a Welcome for Thee."
"Norah, O'Neil."
"Belgravia Waltzes."
"Wandering Refugee."

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE, Opposite the Market, Guelph, Sept. 27, 1867. daw H

STRAYED STEER.

STRAYED from the York Road, on the night of the 1st Guelph Fair, a Red Steer, with white spots on forehead, three years old, and marked with a small H on the right hip bone. Any person giving such information to the undersigned as will lead to the recovery of the animal will be suitably rewarded, by applying to the undersigned at Lindsay's Hotel, Guelph.

GEO. PATTERSON: 3 daw

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR sale, that well-known farm adjoining Mr. Gildon Hoop's, about one mile from the Great Western Station, Guelph. Terms made known by applying to the subscriber.

JAMES MAYS, Guelph, 23rd September, 1867. dwt

FRESH OYSTERS

Wholesale and Retail, at the

FRUIT DEPOT,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

HUGH WALKER.

Guelph, 16th Sept., 1867. (d)

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Guelph, 25th Sept., 1867. dw-4in

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JUST RECEIVED, a fresh supply of

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Consisting of

Logwood, Fustic, Nickwood, Madder, Indigo, Cochineal, Indigo Compound, Madder Compound, Outbear, &c.

Use Harvey's No. 2 OILS

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Guelph, 25th Sept., 1867. dwt

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE an excellent farm in Erasmus, with a good stone house and other buildings thereon. For full particulars apply to

BLAIR & GUTHRIE, Solicitors, Guelph, September 16, 1867.

New Advertisements.

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AT THE

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

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A. THOMSON & CO.

Fall and Winter Importations!

which for STYLE, TEXTURE and DURABILITY, are equal to any House in the trade. As we give our undivided attention to

Cloths, Ready-made Clothing, Hats

CAPS, TIES, SHIRTS AND DRAWERS,

we can offer to the public excellent value in the above. Special care given to Ordered Work.

Guelph, 26th September, 1867. dw-4t

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OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

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WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured.

REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS,

MANTLE CLOTHS,

Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelph, September 21, 1867.

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SMITH & BOTSFORD

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Ever brought into GUELPH. Their Stock consists in part of the following:

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Black, Blue and Brown MELTONS, Black, Blue and Brown BEAVERS, Black, Blue and Brown PILOTS, Black, Blue and Brown WHITNEYS, Black, Brown and Blue ELYSIANS, ranging in price from \$5.50 to \$16.

ALSO, A SPLENDID LINE OF

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A large assortment of BOYS' CLOTHING always on hand. S & B. defy competition. Remember the Stand—Sign of the Elephant, opposite the Market.

SMITH & BOTSFORD.

Guelph, 13th September, 1867. dw 4t

BINBROOK

Semi-annual FAIR!

THE Semi-annual Fair of the Township of Binbrook and surrounding country will be held at Hall's Corners, in the said Township, on THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER

for the purchase and sale of Live Stock, Agricultural Produce, Goods, Wares, and Merchandise.

JOHN BROWN, Jr., Township Clerk, Binbrook, 21st Sept., 1867. w-2a

F. J. B. FORBES, LICENSED AUCTIONEER

FOR CO. OF WELLINGTON.

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